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## ROBERT BURNS.

Is there for honest poverty  
That hangs his head, an' a' that;  
The coward slave—we pass him by,  
We dare be poor for a' that!  
For a' that, an' a' that  
Our toils obscure an' a' that  
The rank is but the guinea's stamp  
The man's the gold for a' that.

If Robert Burns had never written another line then those quoted above he would have been entitled to a place among the great men of the world even perhaps if he could not on those alone have claimed a place among the great poets. The sentiment seems simple enough today but at the time that the ploughman-poet wrote the lines society was in a vastly different condition.

What though on hamely fare we dine  
Wear hodden gray, an' a' that;  
Give fools their silks, and knaves their wine,  
A man's a man, for a' that  
For a' that, an' a' that  
Their tinsel show, an' a' that  
The honest man, tho' e'er so poor  
Is king o' men, for a' that.

A prince can make a belted knight  
A marquis, duke, an' a' that  
But an honest man's aboon his might  
Gude faith! He mauna fa' that!  
For a' that, an' a' that  
Their dignities, an' a' that  
The pith o' sense, an' pride o' worth  
Are higher rank than a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may,  
(As come it will for a' that)  
That Sense and Worth, o'er a' the earth,  
Shall bear the gree an' a' that.  
For a' that, an' a' that,  
It's comin' yet, for a' that,  
That Man to Man, the world o'er  
Shall brothers be, for a' that.

So the poem continues and concludes.

There can be no possible quarrel with the Scots for celebrating the birthday of the man who wrote that poem, for Robert Burns was pre-eminently the poet of the people and Scot as he was, he nevertheless belongs to the world. Today in Honolulu his memory is honored by men far remote in distance, and in blood for he sent a message to mankind which still rings in the ears.

Proud but penniless the bard died while still merely a young man but he lives in his works and his flaming words have kindled the spirit of liberty in many a soul where the fire lay smouldering. In latter days it has become the habit among a certain cult to decry Burns on the ground that he was "immoral," but the virtue of those who have never been tempted is hardly a matter worthy of consideration.

## The Community's Duty To Itself

A directory has become a necessity in every progressive community. But no community is so large or progressive that it needs two. The business community of Honolulu and the Islands will be called on in the next few months to pay for two directories,—if it allows itself to be. The result will be that it will pay out about twice as much money as it needs to, and in all probability be less well served than if it only paid out half as much.

Not only does every progressive community need a directory, but it needs a new one every year. Nor only is directory making a highly technical business, but each community has its special requirements to be met, and past experience is the best guarantee that can be given that they will be well met. The Husted Directory people have been publishing directories of Hawaii regularly for a number of years. There is every reason to expect that they will continue to publish such directories for many years to come. They have the experience to justify satisfactory work. It would be the part of wisdom for the business community to refuse to pay for directory duplication, and to stand by the Husted people who have given us satisfactory directories in the past, at a time when the field was not so easy or lucrative as it is now.

Every city has its experience of directory wars—and pays for them. This community, if it makes up its mind to, can refuse to pay for more than the one directory that is needed.

## The Chinese Field Day

The scene at the Chinese Field Day yesterday at the Boys' Field was the living testimony to much that Rev. Dr. Doremus Scudder said in his Outlook article. Here were a large number of Chinese youth contending for honors in games that were Occidental, if not all strictly American. They were achieving results that were about an American average for youth of the same age and training. Witnessing the sports was a gathering of three hundred or possibly more, mostly Chinese, among whom were a considerable number of men and women of mature age, not a few of whom still clinging to their ancestral costume. The younger element of the gathering, generally speaking, except some of the children, were in European costume, at least as European costume is understood in this latitude and among us.

The victors in the several sports were bedecked with leis at the hands of Madame Chang Tso Fan, wife of the Chinese Consul, who was surrounded by a bevy of vivacious young ladies including her own daughter, all but one of them of Chinese parentage, and all attractively and irreproachably attired in Occidental dress.

From the inception of the idea of the affair to its conclusion, there was in it the Western enjoyment of athletic sports, the true zest of amateur contest, the American spirit of admiration for excellence—and perhaps not the least significant thing was the readiness of the contestants, bedecked with their victor's laurels, to pose for their photographs.

In the youth was exactly the same spirit of activity and emulation that animates American youth. In the elders was at least a recognition of the fact that the spirit that animated the youth was a wholesome spirit, together perhaps with every human pride in the excellence of performance of their own race and kindred, and no doubt some of

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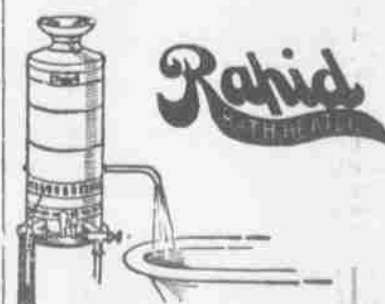
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No doubt, underlying the inception of the idea of the field day, was a pride of race anxious to show its excellence in the achievements and pastimes of an alien and an arrogant race. To this natural and pardonable race pride, the Chinese community rose admirably.

The whole affair was marvellous testimony to the power of environment, which is after all one of the themes, if not the leading theme in Dr. Scudder's Outlook article.

Marshall Field did very handsomely in his will by the museum that bears his name.

H. Emery, who drove a motor car five miles in two minutes and thirty-four seconds, at Ormond, Florida, yesterday, went at the rate of a fraction less than 117 miles an hour. That beats the Twentieth Century Limited.

If the Promotion Committee can only get J. A. McCandless to beat H. Emery's Ormond, Florida record with his new automobile now, it will be cabled all over the world and will be the biggest kind of an ad for Hawaii.

It looks like the administration had a cinch on Congress.

There is at least one man in Honolulu who can only be prevented by injunction from making love to his wife.

En Sue took the first prize in the second and the ensuing events.

There is one satisfactory thing about the Chinese New Year noise, it only comes once a year.

New Mexico and Arizona together make a mighty big stretch of country from which to send only two senators, and statesmen are thick in the desert, too.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory seem to think that a brace of senators in the

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hand, is worth a great deal more than two pair in the sweet bye and bye.

Some of the artillery seem to have had small arms practice.

The citizen who is not a member of an improvement club must either be satisfied with things as they are or else think his help is not needed to make this the model town in the Pacific.

The latest despatches from the scene of the conflict indicate that the Lemonade Directory forces are engaged in a death struggle with General Hustedovitch's men.

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

(From the New York Press.)  
Give a man a good daughter, and the world can have the beauty.

A pretty girl is always pretty, but much more so when you are telling her so.  
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